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**In re Application of:** Cazalet et al.

**Docket No.:** APXX0002

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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS OF MANAGING EPHEMERAL, FUNGIBLE  
COMMODITIES BASED UPON REAL-TIME FORWARD PRICES

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